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PATRICK CHEFF,

Plaintiff/Appellee,

v.

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, a Corporation

Defendant/Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE OPENING BRIEF

COMES NOW, Appellant BNSF Railway Company, by and through its attorneys of record, and hereby moves the Court pursuant to Rule 26 of the Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure for a 30-day extension of time within

which to file Appellant's Opening Brief. The extension contemplated by this motion would move the date for filing the Appellant's Opening Brief from April 9, 2010 to May 7, 2010. Counsel for Appellant is making this request as lead counsel is traveling out of state, and will not be able to devote the necessary time to the brief.

Counsel for the Appellee Patrick Cheff has been contacted regarding this motion and objects.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have filed a true and accurate copy of the foregoing *Defendant/Appellant BNSF's Motion for Extension of Time* with the Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court; and that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing *Defendant/Appellant BNSF's Motion for Extension of Time* upon each attorney of record in the above-referenced action as follows:

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